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BEFORE THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Williams, Roger C.)
Serial No: 09/842,386) Group No.:2833
Filed: 04/25/2001) Examiner:Ta, Tho Dac
For: Rigid Support Ring Molded Into Elastomeric Connector Lip)

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

under 35 U.S.C. 132 and 35 CFR 1.114

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified patent application. Enclosed is payment of the fee thereof of \$750.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for a large entity. A copy of an "Amendment After Final" is also enclosed and is the required submission. This is in response to a final rejection office action that was mailed on November 19, 2002. A petition and payment of fee for a three month extension of time is enclosed. Therefore, the above identified patent application is currently pending and complies with the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. Please enter and consider the enclosed submission, which is believed to place the case into condition of allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/19/02,
please amend the application as follows:

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SPECIFICATION:

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